

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending.

Claims 1-16 and 21-31 are allowed.

Claims 17 and 18-20 are objected to.

Claim 17 is herein amended. No new subject matter is added.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quale, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213

Objection to Claims 17 and 18-20

Claim 17 is objected to as including improper antecedent basis.

Claims 18-20 are objected to as being dependent on objected claim 17.

Applicant spoke with the Examiner on May 22, 2007 and the amended claim language of claim 17 as provided herein was determined to be acceptable to overcome the objection and place the application in a condition of allowance. The Examiner is thanked for her consideration.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-31 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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